

died, he had written 17 books, edited four journals and played a leading role in reshaping black-white relations in America.

HONORING THE DOWNTOWN FORT SMITH SERTOMA CLUB'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Downtown Fort Smith Sertoma Club for their fifty years of service to the community of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The Downtown Fort Smith Sertoma Club exists for the high and noble purpose of service to mankind by communications of thoughts, ideas and concepts to accelerate human progress in health, education, freedom and democracy.

The club, which is part of the international charity the Sertoma Foundation, provides a number of services to the community. Most notably, they aid the hearing-impaired acquire hearing related products for persons who otherwise could not afford them.

I appreciate what they have done for the people of Fort Smith. They truly are an example of what can be accomplished if we make sacrifices for the greater good of our communities.

Mr. Speaker, 50 years of dedicated service and support to local charitable organizations and the educational good of mankind is truly a glorious reason to celebrate. I ask my colleagues to join me today as we honor this wonderful organization and encourage them to continue their work on behalf of the community.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE ALSDORF

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to my friend Mike Alsdorf. Mike is retiring after 25 years of devoted service with the Glenwood Springs, Colorado Fire Department. I have personally witnessed Mike's selfless and courageous service on behalf of the citizens of my hometown and I am proud to call his contributions to the attention of this body of Congress and our nation.

As a firefighter and arson investigator, Mike's career has been defined by great ability and outstanding courage. Over a quarter century ago, Mike and I attended fireman training together. It was clear from the outset that Mike was a natural leader who would become an excellent fireman.

In the face of danger, Mike has an uncanny ability to assume control and quickly orchestrate the best approach to any emergency. As an arson investigator, Mike used his vast knowledge, and his strong conviction, to prevent additional fires and ensure that justice was done. I have great respect for Mike's ability as a fireman and investigator.

Mike served courageously in the face of some of the worst disasters ever to occur in

the Mountain West. He fought bravely to protect his fellow citizens in the Rocky Mountain Gas Explosion, the fires on Storm King Mountain and the recent Coal Seam Fire of 2002. In addition to his work as a fireman, Mike continues to serve as a dedicated Red Cross Volunteer. In this capacity, Mike has worked to improve the Red Cross communications system, organized disaster assessment teams and provided victims of disasters with lodging, food, clothing and counseling.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to Mike Alsdorf. The citizens of Glenwood Springs are certainly better off as the result of Mike's tireless dedication to their safety. Mike will be missed as a member of the Glenwood Springs Fire Department. However, he will now have more time to spend with his four children, his beautiful wife Lynn and his many friends throughout Glenwood Springs. Thanks Mike. I appreciate your friendship and your service to our town.

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH L. BRADSHAW, JR.

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kenneth Bradshaw, Jr., a Korean War veteran from Inverness, Florida in my Fifth Congressional District.

I had the pleasure of recognizing Private Bradshaw for his heroism and bravery as a soldier who fought in the Korean War from January 8, 1948 until April 30, 1952 when he received a permanent disability retirement as a private first class.

On February 6, 1951, Bradshaw's Company was engaged in a fierce battle with the Chinese Army in South Korea just below the 38th parallel. He was wounded in his right arm by a shot fired by an enemy soldier.

Bradshaw was treated at two different field hospitals before being evacuated to a hospital in Japan. Shrapnel was also discovered lodged in his back.

I recently presented Private Bradshaw with the Purple Heart, the oldest military decoration in the world, more than 50 years overdue.

Though he earned this distinction, he never received it from the Defense Department and I am honored to have the opportunity to present to him the Purple Heart for his selfless devotion to duty and service to the United States.

COMMENDING BARBARA REYNOLDS FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE ON CAPITOL HILL

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to pay tribute to a long-time member of my staff who is retiring this December. Barbara Reynolds has worked for me as my scheduler and executive assistant since I was elected in 1994. Barbara's ca-

reer on Capitol Hill preceded mine by 13 years. This experience, along with her talent and willingness to accommodate the busy schedule of a Congressman, was invaluable.

Before coming to work on the Hill, Barbara had been a stay-at-home mom, taking care of her two children. She had never really given much thought to getting involved in the political world, but in 1979, at the suggestion of her father-in-law, she handed a resume to a friend at the Republican Policy Committee and, in about a week, landed a job with then-Representative Carlos Moorehead from California. This, however, was not her only job at the time. Barbara often spent her weekends as a professional model—many say she looked just like Jackie Kennedy Onassis. Her modeling took her all over the world as well as provided her with many commercial advertising opportunities. As a result of this, some current House maintenance workers who were around at the time still refer to Barbara as "Jackie" when they see her in the halls.

In 1985 Barbara began working for then-Representative and eventual Presidential candidate Jack Kemp. In addition to working in his personal office she also worked on his campaign in New Hampshire.

After working with Jack Kemp, Barbara moved on to work for my Florida colleague, Representative CLIFF STEARNS in 1988. Barbara spent 6 years working for Representative STEARNS where she established her Florida roots.

In 1995 Barbara came to work for me and has worked in my Washington office since my first day in office. I am incredibly grateful for her loyalty to me and my staff. It will be nearly impossible to replace her uplifting spirit. Her presence in my office added a touch of class and style, which are sometimes hard to find in the world of politics.

I, along with her coworkers and others outside my office whose lives she has touched, will miss her presence on Capitol Hill. Barbara Reynolds's retirement is well earned. She plans to pursue her hobby of boating on the Chesapeake with her husband, Bob, as well as continue to be a loving mother and grandmother to her two grown children and to her grandchildren. We all wish her many blessings and much happiness in the years to come.

Thank you Barbara, for your service to my office, the people Florida, and the many others with whom you have worked on Capitol Hill.

2003 OHIO STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, on the blustery evening of November 29, 2003, the Elder High School football team won their second consecutive state championship—joining an elite group in Ohio high school football history. With their 31-7 victory over Lakewood St. Edward, the Elder Panthers, under the guidance of Coach Doug Ramsey, became just the fourth school ever to win back-to-back Division I championships.

While last year's championship run was epitomized by hard-fought, closely-contested victories, this year's Panther team dominated the playoffs. The dynamic leadership of quarterback Rob Florian and the sensational running of Bradley Glatthaar—including an Ohio